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Finance director to run for county treasurer

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Newport finance director Paul Brown has announced he will be running for the position of Sullivan County treasurer.

"I think with my background in municipal finance I can be an asset to the county," Brown said.

A 1986 graduate of Bentley College in Waltham, Mass., with a bachelor's degree in accounting, Brown has held his position in Newport since

1992 and has 22 years of and school districts. municipal experience.

"In Newport we've had very sound financial management, both from the operational side and the managerial level," Brown said.

Brown said the town has never run a budget deficit during his tenure.

"We've actually had pretty healthy fund balances," Brown said.

The Republican candidate began his career with a Manchester, N.H., accounting firm before moving to Newport. His duties included auditing government finances

"I was once told by my uncle that if I stayed in Newport two years I'd be here forever," Brown joked.

If elected, Brown faces many challenges with a county that is facing a multimillion dollar deficit.

"One of the challenges is going to be cash flow operations with the current deficit situation," Brown said. "I see myself as being in charge of cash management."

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